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CURRENT AND FUTURE APPLICATIONS OF BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing entitled “The Current and Future Applications of Biometric Technologies”. Testimony was heard from Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and public witnesses.

NEXT STEPS IN HUMAN EXPLORATION TO MARS AND BEYOND

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “Next Steps in Human Exploration to Mars and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE ROLE OF U.S. SHIPS AND MARINERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Maritime Transportation: The Role of U.S. Ships and Mariners”. Testimony was heard from John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; General William M. Fraser III, Commander, Transportation Command; and public witnesses.

UNDERSTANDING THE COST DRIVERS OF PASSENGER RAIL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Understanding the Cost Drivers of Passenger Rail”. Testimony was heard from Joseph H. Boardman, President and CEO, Amtrak; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following: legislation concerning the “Veterans Integrated Mental Health Care Act of 2013”; legislation concerning the “Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2013”; H.R. 241, the “Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act”; H.R. 288, the “CHAMPVA Children's Protection Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1284, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ross and Guthrie; Robert L. Jesse, M.D. Principal Deputy Under Secretary for

Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT'S AND OTHER BIPARTISAN PROPOSALS TO REFORM MEDICARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the President's and Other Bipartisan Proposals to Reform Medicare. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, focusing on accomplishments and challenges, including crackdowns on civil society in Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union, anti-Semitism and discrimination in the OSCE region, challenges faced by Roma in various countries, recent and upcoming election observations, and protecting human rights in the fight against terrorism, after receiving testimony from Janez Lenarcic, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Warsaw, Poland.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D398)

H.R. 1071, to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins. Signed on May 17, 2013. (Public Law 113–10)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Army, 9 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the United States Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine supporting broad-based economic growth and fiscal responsibility through tax reform, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.